

**South Central Kansas Trauma Region  
Education Sub-Committee  
July 10, 2003  
Jayhawk Room at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita**

PRESENT: Diana Lippoldt, Chairperson; Joan Knak, Patty Williams, Mark Willis, Patty McNamar, Nancy Zimmerman, Janice Miller, Dr. Michael Reeh, Tamara Bauer, Tim Pitts

- I. Introduction  
Ms. Lippoldt called the meeting to order. Sub-committee members were introduced.
- II. Review of Agenda (Additions/ Deletions)  
Ms. Lippoldt reviewed the agenda for the afternoon. Dr. Reeh stated he would like the committee to develop goals and an action plan for achieving the goals. He would also like the committee to identify measurements for the goals. Mr. Pitts, ATC Liaison, provided an overview of the current status at the state level. He indicated that grants are available for education purposes.
- III. Review of Human Resource Section – Kansas Trauma Plan Bylaws
  - A. Pre-hospital – PHTLS Providers are working to get more affiliated faculty throughout the state. They would like to have 1-2 per region. This should help in increasing the number of courses being offered. PHTLS offerings to the pre-hospital personnel remains minimum in the region and needs greater support. BTLS was discussed as another possibility. However, at this time, it is not being funded by the state and there are few, if any, affiliated faculty for the course in our region. The sub-committee also discussed the greater difficulty present in training a volunteer group.
  - B. Emergency Physicians – ATLS is seen as the standard in preparing ER physicians to care for trauma patients. However, many ER physicians may not feel the need to acquire this training. Dr. Reeh felt we need to place more “pressure on physicians” to obtain ATLS. It was also discussed that more doctors may obtain ATLS certification as hospitals become verified at the various levels in the state.
  - C. Nurses – Several TNCC courses are available within our region. Discussion was also held about approaching the state to fund PALS or ENPC for staff as indicated in the plan.
  - D. Deficiencies in the plan – Midlevel providers (PAs and ARNPs) are not addressed in the plan yet they play an important role in the initial treatment of trauma patients. Currently, there is a limitation in the number of midlevel providers that can attend an ATLS course. It was recommended that the trauma regions along with the state write a letter to the ACS (American College of Surgeons) regarding this restriction and how it limits the training of our mid-level providers.
- IV. Short-term Goals
  - A. ATLS – Increase the number of ATLS verified physicians to 75 % in the next year.  
- Increase the number of ATLS verified physicians to 100 % in five years.  
Action Steps:
    1. Make more classes available
    2. Write a letter to ACS (state/ region) to request permission to increase the number of mid-level providers permitted in a course.
    3. Increase funding – provide scholarships or reimbursement for travel expenses
    4. Have Regional Trauma Council write a letter to physicians and hospitals indicating our current level of verified physicians & mid-level providers and our future goals.
    5. Encourage the Medical Society to adopt a referendum or write a position paper encouraging the verification of providers.
    6. Ensure that there are adequate slots available for providers located in this region.
  - B. Mid-Level Providers – Work with local education institutions to have them include trauma training as part of the course curriculum.

C. Encourage hospitals within the region to have their nurses obtain TNCC verifications

Action Steps:

1. Inform hospitals of the existence of current courses.
2. Inform nurses/ hospitals of the funding currently available.

D. Develop an Education Web Site that would include classes (dates/ locations/ etc)

Action Steps:

1. Provide a connection the current Kansas Trauma Web Site
2. Once developed, encourage course providers to post their classes on the web site.

E. PHTLS – Increase the number of verified technicians.

Action Steps:

1. Simplify the process for applying for funding for the course.
2. Increase the number of instructors for PHTLS
3. Provide scholarships (especially to the volunteer services)

V. Next Meeting

- Scheduled to host a short Education Meeting in Hutchinson on August 28, 2003 following the Executive Committee meeting. It will be at 1:15 PM.